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Various Notes of Movements of the Army of the Discontented.

MOBS CHECKED BY THE ELEMENTS

The Bloody Affray at Stickle Hollow Liable to Be Repeated at Any Moment-Riot at Homestead - Deputies Battle with Miners in Colorado-An Illinois Sheriff Persuades Strikers to Disperse Peaceably. Indiana Strikers Hold Up a Coal

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., May 25.

HE cold, ceaseless rain of last night and this morning doubtless prevented, for a time at least, a repitition of yesterday's bloody affray at the Washington mines in Stickle Hollow. The strikers were fully determined to avenge those of their fellows who fell in yesterday's battle with the deputies. Mobs were organized at Pennsville, Vanderbilt and Dunbar for the avowed purpose of revenge. The Pennsville mob last night marched to Moyer works, where an attack was contemplated. When within a short distance of the plant venty-five armed deputies were awaiting their arrival.

After a consultation, the drenched and shivering strikers moved on the Summit works, where only a few men were on guard. Before half the distauce was covered, many of the march ers, completely exhausted, had fallen in their tracks at the wayside. Those remaining, dispersed to their homes. No further violence or raids are expected until the storm of wind and rain, which has driven the infuriated

mobs to shelter, has subsided. RIOTING AT HOMESTEAD.

HOMESTEAD, Pa., May 25 .- A riot occurred this morning near the mills in the Second ward where there were a number of unemployed Slavs. George Herskovitz, an educated Siavonic Jew. residing here tried to induce them to go to the coke works. A Jewish mer-chant, with whom they dealt, said that if they did not go to work, he would refuse to keep them any longer.

A little later they held a mass meet

ing at which Herskovitz appeared. About 400 chased him to the river, but he escaped by getting into a skiff and going to the other side.

TROUBLE IN THE FAR WEST. COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., May 25-A special from Cripple Creek states that when the deputies arrived in Victor at noon they were surrounded by 400 mirers and battle ensued immediately. The deputies hid behind rocks and fired, scattering the miners, who retreated. No injuries are reported.

Miners are now moving on the Pharmaceist, Burns Summit and other mines to blow up the buildings. It is also reported that the deputies are now in possession of the Independence prop-

erty.
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 25.—The miners at Shelbourne this morning held up a coal train and refused to allow it to go further. There were thirteen coal cars and Sheriff Mills was acoard. The engineer and firemen were forced off the locomotive and fires put out and the cars uncoupled. Sheriff Milis tried to reason with the

but they were desperate and would not listen. Another coal train of twenty ears was similarly treated a few hours later. No violence has so far occurred.

SHERIFF PACIFIES A MOB. CARTERVILLE, Ull., May 25 — Early this morning 55 men marched from Marion, three miles from here, and on reaching this town held a mass meeting. They declared their intention of marching to the mines and bringing out the men at work. Sheriff Dewell and forty armed deputies drew up in line and barred their way.

The sheriff mounted a box and made a speech in which he appealed to the crowd to return to Cattersville. In case they persisted in going to the mines, he declared he would order the deputies to fire on them. After a consultation with the leaders, the strikers dispersed and many returned

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., May 25.—The 800 miners at the Cable and Gilchrist mines near this place laid down their tools this morning and stopped work at the request of the American Miners The strike is purely sympa thetic and no violence is apprehended.

CHARLSTON, W. Va., May 25.—News reached here today that a body of striking miners from Pomeroy have crossed the river into West Virgins for the purpose of compelling the miners, who are at work in Camden and adjacent mines to come out. The governor has ordered two companies at Huntington to be ready to move to the

Scene of short notice.

DECATUR, Ill., May 25.—All but twelve of the miners working in the shafts near here were forced to quit work today by a mob of 200 strikers. The non-union men made a show of resistance and ten of them were seversly pounded by the strikers. Everything is quiet tonight.

ODIN, Ills., May 25.- Everything is quite here tonight and no immediate danger is apprenended. The center of the disturbance is still at Centralia.

THE BUILDING CAVED IN.

Brooklyn Warehouse, Four Stories High, Goes Down with a Crash

BROOKLYN, N. Y., May 25 — At 2 20 this afternoon a four story brick building at 201 Atlantic avenue, caved in. Fourteen men were at work ou the building at the time. One of them. Emil Erickson, was killed almost instently.

The house was used as a storage warehouse by Latimer and Sons. After the crash came most of the men succeeded in escaping from the cellar where they were working. Three men are still unaccounted for and are supposed to be buried in the ruins.

THE SLY CHINESE.

They Procure Wholesale Fraude in the San Francisco Hall of Records.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—Fraud has been unearthed in the Hall of Records in this city, which may lead to the frustration of a clever scheme to land foreign-born Chinese. The record of the health department has been inter-lined in several hundred instances each attesting the birth of a Chinese.

By this means foreign-born Chinese have obtained birth certificates which they they think will entitle them to residence under the Grary act. These entries are dated as far back as 1847.

PERISHED IN THE SNOW.

Awful Story of Suffering Told by a Note Found in a Bottle. Mount Vernon, Wash. May 25 -A bottle containing the following note was found in the Skagit river yester-

day:
"Head waters of South Fork Cascade
Creek, April 17, 1894. I have been in
the mountains for the past three weeks snowbound, and have had nothing to eat for three days. It is impossible for me ever to get out alive. You will find me when the snow goes off. I have a wife in St. Paul. Her name is Mary Jacobow. H. A. Jacobow."

The point designated is about 125

HERESY APPEAL CASE.

miles above this place.

Professor Smith Closes the Debate at Saratoga-Remarks by Thomas McDougall.

SARATOGA, May 25 .- When the Pres-byterian general assembly reconvened as a court this morning it was addressed by Elder Daniel H. Shields, a member of the criminal and prosecuting committee, who was introduced as

a plain man and a farmer.
Mr. Shielda' argument traversed the
twelve grounds of appeal put forward by Professor Smith, and was read from manuscript. In the course of his re-marks Elder Shields said that the committee did not for a moment doubt the outcome of the matter in the present assembly. At the close of Mr. Shields' speech the assambly applauded, but the hand-clapping was suddenly stopped by the moderator's gavel and by vig-

orous hissing.

Professor Smith, in reply, regretted that the committee had sought to impress the assembly with the belief that he did not value the bible highly. On the contrary he had always endeavored to live by that book. He then proceeded to arraign the prosecution, because members of the lower court had printed expressions concerning the guilt of the accused in the newpapers. had refused to receive a whole book in testimony, when a part had been introduced by the prosecution, and he had received a vote in a member's absence. Rev. George L. Kalb, of Bellefonte, spoke in support of Professor Smith's

Thomas McDougall, of Cincinnati, followed speaking against the appeal. The roll calt for three minute speeches began at 3.29 o'clock. The long list of 500 commissioners was called by synods and Presbyteries. Of the 110 called, forty-eight made speeches under the three minute rule. Of these twelve announced that they would vote to sustain the appeal of Professor Smith on several or on all the specifications. At this rate of progress it is not likely that a vote will be reached before Monday. On account of an as-sembly temperance rally in progress tonight at the church, the court took a morning.

The joint meeting of Baptists and Presbyt-rians is to be held in convention hall Sunday night at 9.15 o'clock.

A CORNER IN MEAT.

Kansas City Retail Butchers Boost the Price 1 to 2 Cents.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 25.—The retail butchers entered into a deal with the local packing houses about a week ago whereby the former were to supply the retail trade of the city.

joing interests and buying all their meats from Chicago and Omahs pack

IN OUR OWN COMMONWEALTH.

The state tax conference will meet a A respite has been granted Hill, the Al egheny county murderer, until October.

Nine cars in a Pottaville colliery ran A break in the pipes threatens Lancas caster with a water famine for a week. The commencement of the Allentown college for women will begin on June 3. Colonel James R. Hunsicker, of Norris

town, has resigned as an aide on the gov ernor's staff. A bicycle rider named Maxwell collided with James Riley, in Allegheny City, kill-

ing him instantly. Owing to damage by the floods naviga-tion on the Pennsylvania canal has been closed indefinitely.

Jack Knabel was captured in Blooms-burg for beating Tunkhannock hotels and stealing a horse and wagon. Miss Isabel, daughter of Rev. Dr. O. L. Taylor, and James Kernan, cashier of the

Bethlehem Iron company, were married at Bethlehem. Governor Pattison has issued a warrant for the execution on July 25 at Doylestown of Wallace Burt, the half-breed Indian, who murdered the aged couple, Samuel Rightly and wife.

Argument was heard by Judge Simonton, at Harrisburg, in the proceedings instituted by the attorney general to oust the Order of Solon for alleged irregulari-

A severe explosion of gas took place in the Mount Lookout colliers at Wyoming this afternoon. John Polinski, a miner, was fatally burned about the head and The statement from Washington, that

the gold in the Philadelphia banks amounted to only \$2,238,000, is incorrect. The gold balances of the National banks of the city amount to \$15,943,000.

THE SPARRING

Senators Harris and Hoar Entertain Their Colleagues.

MR. BLANCHARD ALSO FINDS FAULT

A Debate Between the Members from Massaceusetts and Tennessee Creates Laughter-Mr. Blanchard Accuses a Member of Pharisaism. Louisiana Ideas of Sugar Bounty. The Drum Major Conciliated-Labors in the House.

Washington, D. C., May 25.

UST before the tariff bill was taken up in the senate today there was something of the nature of a scene between Senators hoar and Harris. Mr. Hoar (Rep., Mass.) was about to make a correction. Mass.) was about to make a correction of the journal, when Mr. Harris, Tennessee, rose to insist upon consideration of the tariff bill. 'I will yield the floor in ten seconds," Mr. Hoar pleaded. "I hope he will and in less than ten seconds," Mr. Harris put in curtly.

"I think the senator from Tennes-e." Mr. Hoar retorted sharply, "carries his feeling toward other senators too far. He is in charge of this bill, to which I am about to address myself. And he constantly, out of order, thrusts in his angry, peremptory and (although not intentionally discourteous) practically discourtsons lectures on other senators. I hope that will

stop,"
"Will the Senator allow me," Mr.

Harris asked.
"I will," Mr. Hoar answered. "The tariff bill," said Mr. Harris impressively, "is the thing now before the senate. The senator from Massa-chusetts is violating the rules of the enate, or at least the universal understanding. And in view of the conduct of the senator from Massachusette the senator from Tennessee owes him less courtesy than he owes any other sena-

"The senator from Tennessee," Mr. Hoar rejoined with caustic bitterness, "if he owes couriesy to the senate, or to one senator, will be bankrupt, because he does not possess enough of it to pay one mill or the thousandth part of one mill on the dollar of that dept."

In Washington since December last, where he has been engaged as a lobby-ist and claim agent, did, on or about the first of April of this year, at the house of Senator Hunton, in Warren. [Laughter.]

Mr. Harris was in the act of replying when the vice-president rapped for order, and continued rapping until the scene came to a close.

LOUISIANA PROTEST.

Mr. Blanchard, Louisiana, talked against the Republican senator from Delaware, (Mr. Higgins), and accused him of Pharisaism in thanking God, the other day, that he did not get his ideas from the South. But the main point of his speech was in defense of the sugar schedule in the bill. On that point he was met by Mr. Aldrich with the reminder that he had voted recently in the house to put sugar on the free list, and to abolish the sugar New York city and that the money bounty; and it was insinuated by the Rhode Island senator that the two Louisana senators would, under party exigencies, vote again for a bill that would do these things.

Later in the day the amende honor able was made by Mr. Hoar, Massachusetts, to Mr. Harris, Tennessee, for recess at 5 o'clock until tomorrow having disrespectfully referred to him the day before as a "drum major," not

a general. An earnest an impassioned speech was made by Mr. Teller, Colorado, who took the position that the tariff bill would neither benefit nor injure the country to the extent that its friends and enemies predicted, and that the only remedy for the present depression was a return to the double standard with the mints open to gold and silver at a ratio of 16 to 1,

The actual progress made in the con-sideration of the tariff bill was greater price of meat to consumers from 1 to 2 cents per pound. The hotel keepers and restaurateurs are now talking to the tariff bill was greater than any other previous day, some thirty-five paragraphs having been disposed of.

THE OMNIBUS RESOLUTION.

This was private bill day in the house and the entire session was devoted thereto, in committee of the whole. One bill for the relief of Thomas B. Reed, an officer in the Pennsylvania Troops during the war, was ordered to be favorably reported to the house. The rest of the day was spent upon what is known as "The Omnibus resolution," being a resolution referring 37 bills in a bunch to the court of claims.

The house took a recess until 8

o'clock, the evening session being for the consideration of private pension and relief bills.

THE BAPTIST SOCIETY.

Annual Gathering of Representatives at

Saratoga Yesterday. Saratoga, N. Y., May 25.—The annual meeting of the American Baptist Publication society convened in the First Baptist church this morning, President Samuel Crozier in the chair. The seventh annual report of the board of managers was presented and read by Colonel Charles H. Benes, of Phila-

by Colonel Charles H. Benes, of Phila-delphia.

The statistical features are "summarized as follows: Bible department receipts for the fiscal year, \$31,236 47; dispursements, \$13,720 96. The total receipts of the missionary department were \$127,649 91 and the board are pained to be obliged to report a deficiency of \$14,533.84

The business department reports that the receipts from sales for the year were \$497,804.48, a decrease from the former year of \$15,885.83 The receipts from all other sources foot up \$17,-432 05. Forty-nine new publications were issued during the year and the total number of books, pamphlets, etc., printed and issued in the period was 35,702,950, besides 34,621,500 copies of periodicals. The net assets of the society amount to \$89,206.20. The report

of Pennsylvania; vice-presidents, Thos. Armatage, of New York, Edward Goodman, of Illinois, Joshua T. Lever-ing, of Maryland, and George F. Hoar, Jr., of Massachusetts. Corresponding secretary, Charles H. Banes, of Pengsylvania; recording secretary, A. J. Howland, D. D., of Maryland, and tecasurer, B. F. Denison, of Pennsyl-

LAWSON IS RELEASED.

Youth Who Dazzied Stroudsburg I Again at Large.

STROUDSBURG, Ps., May 25.—Gay weeks back has been stopping at the Burnett house, but who was confined to the county juil last Friday for giv ng checks on a New York bank to nerchants here which were returned to good, was released today. His father, who was at Saratoga prings at the time of his son's arrest, finally consented to belp his toy, and money was sent to fix things up.

DOLE WILL BE PRESIDENT.

A Honolulu Merchant Predicts Victory

for the Rapublic. DENVER, May 25 .- W. F. Peacock, a wholesale merchant of Honolnin, who is in the city, says that there is not the slightest chance for any trouble in the new republic. Mr. Dole will be elected president, and if the Kelly resolu-tion passes the legislature, the queen and her party will give up the fight Mr. Peacock says 98 per cent, of the commercial business of the Pacific Islands is transacted with the United

TARIFF BRIBERY REPORT.

he Fact of Buttz's Offer Fully Established-No Persons Discovered Behind Him.

Washington, May 25 -The report of the senate committee appointed to in-vestigate the charges of attempts to bribe senators to vote against the tariff bill and the charges of improper inflaences being used in connection with the sugar schedule was submitted to the senate today, as far as concerns the attempted bribery of Senators Hunton and Kyle. The committee in its report says:

"It appears from the testimony submitted that a certain Charles W. Butiz, of North Dakota, but domiciled ton, Va., during the absence of the senator, say to his son, Epps Hunton, jr., that he would pay him a contingent fee of \$25,000 if he would, by presenting arguments as to the pending bill, in-

duce his father, Senator Hunton, to vote against it." "It is also established by the testimony that the same Charles W. Butiz, during the month of March last, approached Senator Kyle of South Dakota with a proposition that \$14,000 would be paid to him if he would vote against the pending tariff bill. The said Buttz, when making the proposition, also stated to Senator Kyle that the money was in the hands or control of an agent of certain bankers and capitalists of was in Washington. Senstor Kyle's testimony is confirmed by that of Mr. Duncan McFarlane, clerk to the com-

mittee on education and labor. "Your committee are abundantly justified in stating that the facts above recited have been established by the evidence, notwithstanding the on the part of Charles W. Buttz, and they refer the senate to the testimony in detail in support of their finding. Your committee find nothing from their investigation to impeach, in the least degree, the honor or character of Senators Hunton or Kyle.

"There is no evidence to show the truth of Mr. Buttz's statement to Senator Kyle and to Mr. Eppa Hunton, jr., that a syndicate of bankers and capitalists had raised a sum of money to be used for the purpose of defeating the pending tariff bill, or that there was an agent of such a syndicate in Washington for that purpose. Buttz denied that he made any such statement or that he had or has any knowledge of the existence of [such a syndicate, or that he was the agent or representative of any one. He further denies that he has any money himself."

HE WAS A SECOND OFFENDER

Alderman Fuller Decided That Kindness Would Be Wasted on Him.

Owen Dunleavy, of Honesdale, was ar-rested Wednesday by the police for drunk-enness and secured his discharge Thurs-day with a reprimand.

He was again arrested that evening day with a reprimand.

He was again arrested that evening while in a state of helpless intoxication. Alderman Fuller decided yesterday in police court that kindness was wasted on Owen and sent him to the county jail for

EVENTS OF VARIED SCOPE.

Congressman Breckinridge promises to give the Fourth of July address at Ful-

The national conference of charities and corrections is in session at Nashville, Governor Flower vetoed the bill to prevent the display of foreign flags on public

The will of Banker Jesse Seligman bequeaths large amounts to New York chartable institutions. Ill health drove to suicide E R. Parker, ex-manager of the Empire Freight Line at Buffalo.

buildings.

Emma Juch, the prima donna, is so far improved from her illness at Ann Harbor, Mich., as to leave for home. ##The proposed new public building for Chicago will stand on the old site, to ten stories high and cost \$4,000,000.

Lawyer Brooke has given notice that Poisoner Meyer will not appeal from his conviction at New York of murder in the second degree. After several days' hunt, Dave Kelly,

who assaulted and tried to poison Miss Pierson near Iron Gate, Va., was caught in Amherst county. Worry over his father's opposition to his chosen bride is believed to have un-balanced James H. Parke, who wandered away from New York.

Ex-State Senator Harry T. McAteer, of Huntingdon, was today appointed first deputy surveyor of the port of Philadelphia by Sarveyor P. Gray Meek. The salary is \$2,500 per annun. Mr. McAteer succeeds James J. Franklin, Republican.

Beriodicals. The net assets of the sobalanced James H. Parke, who wandered away from New York.

The annual election of officers of the society was held with the following results: President, Samuel A. Crozier, contested at New York.

Volume of Business Transacted During Three Sessions

OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Meetings During the Day Held at Plymouth Congregational Church and in the Evening at Jackson Street Eaptist Church-Impressive election. Feature of the Convention Was the Rally of the Scranton Juniors, 400 Strong-Open Parliament and Conference on Old and New Committee Work-Address of E. W. Bliss, of Chicago, One of Mr. Moody's Corps-Proceedings in Detail.

THE fifteenth semi-annual convention of the Lackawanna, Luzerne and Wyoming Tri-County Christian Endeavor union was eld yesterday morning and afternoon a the Plymouth Congregational church, Hyde Park, and in the evening at the Jackson Street Baptist church. It was also an annual convention, from the fact that officers to serve one

year were elected.
About 300 delegates were present and were non-credentialled, the rule being that any member of a Christian Endeavor society is by that token entitled to a voice in the proceedings. In addition to the delegates in attendance at the three sessions, hundreds of members and spectators were present, and the whole number severely taxed the seating cap acity of the Plymouth church during the day and the Jackson Street Baptist church in the evening. At one period during the afternoon meeting, the advent of the Juniors necessitated the standing of several hundred persons. Most of the delegates left the city last night, though a large number will be entertained during to lay.

WORK OF THE SESSIONS.

The morning aession was devoted principally to the submitting of re- press the best way to insure good at-

dressed the meeting. A greater volume of business was transacted in the afternoon than is usual at most conventions. Every feature was necessarily brief, but the schedule as arranged was carried out, The open parliament and conference on old and new features of committee work was the most interesting portion of the session, if the rally of the Ju-

niors can be excepted.
In the evening the address of E Bliss, of Chicago, was heard by an audience which occupied every seat in the large auditorium and when the ses-

sion adjourned it was with a sense that the most successful and interesting convention in the history of the union THE TRIBUNE presents below a com-

sessions. THE MORNING SESSION.

Brisk Treatment of Preliminary Convention Matters.

The morning proceedings followed levotional ex-reises conducted by Rev. W J. Ford, of Green Ridge. A song praise service was led by Chorister

Charles E. Daniels, president of the City Union, welcomed the delegates to the city and the convention. He referred briefly to the results which folow such a gathering.

Charles H. Coandler, president of the Tri-County union, responded to the greeting. Such a meeting made the bond of fellowship firmer and encouraged those working along and in the lines of Christian endeavor. Enthusi asm is created individually among the delegates and others who witness the proceedings, and in various other directions the convention produces much

Secretary J. C. Manning's annual report showed the following:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

There are seventy-three societies the union; 3,208 active members; 1,122 ssociate members, making a total of 4,420. There are forty-three junior societies in the three counties, with a total of 2,033 members; 200 persons from the senior society and nineteen from the juniors joined churches last year: \$2,152 91 were collected during the year throughout the union, an increase of \$2,200 over last year. Mr. Manning suggested that the matter of Christian citiz-nehip be taken up; that junior societies be organized wherever there are senior societies, and that the

spirit of missions be pushed. D. C. Tiffany, of Ashley, treasurer of the Union, also submitted his report. The amount received was \$97.15; expended, \$76.37, leaving a balance of

The address of the morning was delivered by Rev. S. L. Aldrich, pastor of the Grace Reformed church. His remarks bore upon trausformation and were from the verse, "Be Ye Transformed." The thought was applied to the transformation of Christian Endeavorers into the mind and purpose of work and denial for the good of humanity.

REV. MR ALDRICH'S ADDRESS.

Rev. G. L. Aldrich, pastor of the Grace Reformed church, gave the address of the morning. His thems was "Transformed," and was based an the text, "Be ye transformed." He carried out a line of thought of the transfor-mation of the believer in the work of Christian Endeavor. President Chandler then announced

the following committees: Resolutions

Rev. C. I. Junkin, Wilkes-Barre;
Andrew C. Smith, Danmore; Miss Reynolds, Providence.
Nominations-S. M. Parke, Pittston; Giles Clark, Scranton; Miss Matthews, J. J. Parkburst, Wilkes Barre.

Reports—D. C. Tiffany, Ashley; Miss possibly

Helwig, Pittston; Miss Helen Evans, At noon an adjournment was made until 1.30 o'clock.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION

Was the Important Business Meeting of the Day.

At 1.30 o'clock devotional exercises were conducted by J. J. Parkhurst, of Wilkes-Barre. The service was opened with song, after which those assembled said silent prayer. An invocation was offered by Rev. D W. Skellinger, of the Washburn Street Presbyterian

Following the devotional exercises the meeting proceeded to the nomina-ting of officers. The names were gathered by the nominating committee to report at 5 o'clock and then hold the

C. H. Chandler, of the Tri-County union, presided during the afternoon. Two o'clock was the hour assigned for the one-minute reports of societies of the three counties. However, 2.30 clock was reached before the reports could be received. Corresponding Secretary J. C. Mauning, of Pittston, announced that remarks must of neces-

sity be brief.

The reports made by the various lo-cal unions shows that the organization is taking on an abnormal growth which seemed highly gratifying to the meeting. Each local secretary who arose to report had some particular feature to announce as greater than that possessed by other societies.

THE OPEN PARLIAMENT.

An open parliament and conference on old and new features of committee work was the main feature of the afternoon session. It was conducted in four sections in its relation to look out, prayer meeting, social and miscellaneous committees. Carl Councilman, of Pitteton, con-

ducted the lookout discussion.

The old question of the advisability of including an associate member on the lookout committee was presented. Nearly all who spoke on the subject contended that non-members of the church are not qualified to bring young people to God. Delinquent members and the best

way to approach them was considered. The consensus of veiws expressed was that a conciliatory and prayerful treatment will work better results than harsher methods. In his remarks opening the discussion of prayer meeting work A. B. Eynon, of this city, asked the meeting to ex-

ports and the usual preliminary busi-ness proceedings. Rev. G. L. Aldrich, meetings. Several members expressed of the Grace Reformed church, ad-the idea that personal work would gentendance and enthusiasm at prayer erally be followed by good results. Secretary Manning suggested that a preliminary prayer meeting would show its fruit in the regular meeting following. It has been in vogue for sometime in many places and has de-

veloped very successful results.

Personal and general experiences following a brief period of silent prayer were given. From the large number of conversional testimonials the members derived a great deal of valuable information. This portion of the session was one of the most interesting during the day. In answer to a question as to one of the purposes of he prayer meeting committee, Mr. Evnon said that idle time in meetings could be occupied by six or more members previously selected, in reading plete and detailed report of the several verses assigned them and make brief remarks pertaining thereto. In this way dull meetings will be done away with and encouragement given to nonmembers to give themselves to the

W. F. Nye, of Carbondale, said the social committee in addition to what the name implies is a committee for

work. Mr. Eynon asked whether the committee's work is to be confined to the union especially or extended into the church. The opinions signified that the social work went beyond the portals of the church ; it included work in the church, and an alertness in seeking new residents in a community. The word "welcome" does more good to a stranger upon his entrance rather than upon his departure. "Come again, you're always welcome" wont save souls. Christian endeavorers as church ushers bring many into the Union or Sunday schools.

PROPRIETY OF SOCIALS. The social question drifted into some spirited remarks on the propriety of holding socials in the churches. The sentiments expressed showed that many were opposed to the custom. In the midst of the discussion the young lady who asked the question arose and said her question related only to socials

without the money making feature.

A motion to take a rising vote of opinion was opposed by several. It was the opinion of the opposition that the convention was treading on dangerous ground. Repeated requests for putting of the question was answered

by Conductor Nye by referring the matter to President Chandler. When Mr. Chandler arose Rev. George E. Guild, of the Providence Presbyterian church, moved that it was the sense of the convention that socials can with propriety be held in the church.

The motion brought several members upon their feet. They protested the right to vote upon the matter and again suggested the danger which might follow.

President Chandler pleaded lack of

time as a reason for not taking a vote on the question. Rev. C. W. Harvey, of Wilkes-Barre, conducted the meeting for a few moments of the open parliament on the work of committees other than look-out, social and prayer meeting. Owing to the fact that the convention was nearly a half hour behind its schedule. the miscellaneous conference subjects were treated briefly. A valuable sug-

gestion for music committees is to prepare music for church and Sunday school services. Cottage prayer meetings once a week s work of a practical kind for missionry committees.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 25.—Forecast for Eastern Pennsylvania, for Saturday: Generally fair slightly warmer, west winds. For Westera Pennsylvania, partly cloudy, showers, warmer, variable winds.

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